

**COMBINED AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Serial No.: 09/429,939
Filed: 10/29/1999
Applicant: Authier
For: Water Freeze Control
For Hot Tub Spa

Examiner: Prunner, Kathleen J.
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INDEP CLAIMS	4	3	0	X \$100.00	\$100.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$100.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$60.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$160.00

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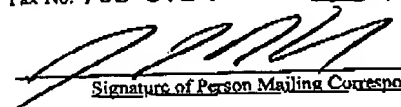

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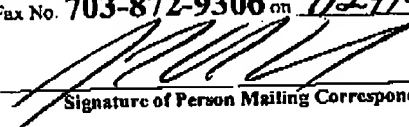

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Sir,

This letter is in response to Office Action dated 09/29/2004. Please find attached to this letter a request for a one month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.